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State Closes Registration Moose Hunt in Western Unit 22B

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces an emergency order closure of the State Registration moose hunt in western Unit 22B by permit RM840 at 11:59 p.m. September 11, 2006. This emergency order closes the State and Federal fall moose hunt in Unit 22B, west of the Darby Mountains.

The department set a harvest quota of 18 bulls for the registration permit hunt in western Unit 22B. Current reported harvest from this portion of Unit 22B is 15 bull moose and harvest is expected to reach 18 bulls by the season closure date announced in this emergency order.

Moose censuses of western Unit 22B have shown a 64% decline in the moose population since 1987 and recruitment rates have been below 10% for more than 10 years. To help stabilize this population, the Alaska Board of Game established fall and winter registration permit hunts and the department set a combined quota of 23 bull moose.

A winter registration permit hunt for moose in western Unit 22B will be opened January 1 through January 31 with a quota of 5 bulls.

The season closure was made in consultation with Federal managers from the Bureau of Land Management and will apply on both State and Federal lands in western Unit 22B.

Listed below is the status of hunt areas with harvest quotas governed by Hunt RM840:

- Unit 22B, west of the Darby Mountains – season closed by this emergency order
 - Unit 22C – season closes on September 14, or when the harvest quota of 40 bulls is reached.
 - Unit 22D, Kuzitrin River drainage – season closes on September 14 or when the harvest quota of 39 bulls is reached.
 - Unit 22D Southwest – season closes on September 14 or when the harvest quota of 8 bulls is reached.
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